



Guru Nanak Sikh Academy

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Dear Parent

RE: Year 9 Option Choices

As your child is in Year 9, we have now approached the point in the academic year when we begin to think about their option choices for GCSE courses in Year 10 and Year 11. Students have had an assembly where they have been introduced to the process and the options blocks. GNSA believe in a broad balanced curriculum that will help your child to be able to go on to live a fulfilling life and the option blocks have been constructed with this in mind. We were recently commended by the Department of Education for the high number of students that enter the Ebacc proving just this point.

The option blocks are shown below which also include the compulsory core subjects that students are already studying, along with a link to the presentation that they were shown in assembly. We have built the blocks to ensure that all students have the chance to follow a creative subject to promote the balance in the curriculum that is so vital to their progress.

Core	Humanities (Choose one from)	Block 1 (Choose one from)	Block 2 (Choose one from)
English Language English Literature Maths Sciences French/Punjabi/Spanish PE (core) PSHE Religious Studies	Geography Or History	Business Studies Computer Science BTEC Creative Media Sociology Statistics	Art Design Technology Drama Hospitality and Catering Music PE Cambridge National

[Assembly Presentation Link](#)

The key dates for your diary are **Thursday 9th February Parents' Evening** and the first chance to discuss with teachers the progress your child is making. The next event is **Tuesday 28th February Year 9 Options Fair** where you can meet the Subject Leaders and understand more about what the GCSE entails. After that event, the Options Form will open and students will need to have made their choices by **Friday 10th March 2023**.

This is an exciting moment for students as they make their way through the school and we are here to help them make the decisions that they (and you) feel are right for them. All the curriculum information is available on the school website.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Perkins

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